

## ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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ELECTROSTATIC INK JET INK AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING ELECTROSTATIC CHARGES OF COLOR MATERIAL IN THE INK

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

Please replace the original specification and Abstract with the attached substitute specification and Abstract.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5-7 as follows:

- 1. (Amended) An ink for ink jet printer comprising:
- a dispersant mainly consisting of an aliphatic hydrocarbon solvent;
- a color material insoluble in said dispersant;
- a polymer including repeating units represented by the following general formula (1) and

soluble in said dispersant; and